

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



30 DAYS TO LIVE

FIRST PLACE

MARCH 8, 2015



SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

BAPTISM

Both campuses will celebrate baptism this month! If you're interested in this next step, please go to www.onelifeknox.com/baptism for more information and get the process started. Feel free to reach out to your campus pastor or connections director.

WORSHIP TEAM INTEREST MEETING

On Saturday, March 21 at both locations we'll be having a worship team interest meeting. If you are a musician or vocalist interested in being a part of any of our worship teams - Kids, Students, or Adults - we'd love for you to join us! The interest meeting is from 10:00 - 11:30am in Powell and 1:00 - 2:30pm in Halls. Email asher.coker@onelifeknox.com for more information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Last week, students from both campuses had a great turn out for the Rally, with over 60 students in attendance. Don't let your middle or high school student miss out on the chance to grow spiritually in small groups. Groups meet the first three Sunday evenings of each month at 6:00 p.m. on both campuses. For more information, email dylan@onelifeknox.com.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

Philippians 1:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

Philippians 1:21-24 (NLT)

²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

- 1. Describe a time in your life (maybe recently) where you had a deadline and forced to engage in a task with seriousness and/or focus. When it became crunch time, how did you look at your goal differently? Did the urgency help you or weigh you down, why?**

Come *ready* to supply an example from your own life to help the discussion get rolling. This example can even be funny, like trying to clean up a huge mess in your house before your spouse arrives home from work or hurrying to complete a school project.

The goal of this opening discussion is to get the group thinking about how urgency reveals priorities. You might want to ask some follow up questions to allow the point to come up in your discussion:

- When it came down to the wire, were you willing to cut corners or shed unnecessary parts of the project to get it complete?
- What are some reasons that urgency has this effect on how we prioritize things?
- What are other examples of how something urgent or a “near death” experience (which only serves to build the feeling of urgency in someone’s life) caused you to see all of life differently?

- 2. Read Philippians 1:9-10. What is Paul encouraging them to do in these verses? What result does Paul mention in v. 10? Paul prays that the Philippians will keep growing! What keeps us from growing, spiritually speaking?**

Give the group time think about what holds them back spiritually, either recently or in the past. Examples of things that hold us back from growth.

- Sin: choosing to sin means choosing to ignore or disobey what God says is good.
 - How does sin hold us back from growing spiritually?
 - When the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, how does it lead to spiritual growth?
- Distraction: Lots of things compete for our attention and affection over time. Jobs, relationships, and even stuff all begin to appear more important than keeping Jesus first.
 - How does distraction keep you from growing spiritually, even though you would say that your relationship with Jesus is most important?
 - Check out Matthew 6:19-21. Our heart follows our treasure. What does this verse say can be a distraction to our spiritual growth?
- Invincibility: When things are going well, it’s easy for us to think that things will *always* go well for us. It’s easy to “coast” spiritually when things are going well.

- Religion: religion says that growth is more about how well you behave and what you know. Then, you'll know what's really important.
- 3. Read Philippians 1:21-24. Paul address both life and death. What is he saying about living? What is he saying about death? Is Paul saying one is better than the other? How would you live your life differently if you shared Paul's perspective?**

Take some time to establish what Paul is saying in these verses.

Living = living for Jesus

Dying = being with Jesus

How would you work differently?

How would you do your marriage differently?

How would you parent differently?

How would you share your story differently?

How would you serve or give at your church differently?

Check out and share some of these verses for examples:

- Colossians 3:23
- Philippians 1:27
- 1 Corinthians 9:22

- 4. Have you ever had a time when you understood or felt spiritual urgency? Have you ever known anyone who lived with a spiritual urgency? What were their priorities? How have your priorities changed as a result of what God is showing you, even through this sermon?**

Get your group to talk about what God is revealing to them, even through this sermon. How has it affected their priorities. Try using this format:

- What were your priorities before you met Jesus?
- How did your priorities change after you met Jesus?
- What people or situations caused you to realize spiritual urgency?

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)

Use the answers from the last question to guide your prayer time. Consider something different to get your group to connect:

- Have women pray together in a room and men in a room
- Have the group pair up with someone of same gender and pray for each other
- Ask people to pray out loud if they feel comfortable and let them know you will wrap up the time, praying for the things discussed already.